

MORE NAZIS IN THE BONN GOVERNMENT

From time to time we have published information concerning the reappearance of Nazi and pro-Nazi elements in the Bonn Government. For example, in the No. 39 issue of PREVENT WORLD WAR III we proved that many Ribbentrop diplomats were back in key positions in the new German Foreign Office. In this connection we cited 20 specific cases of former Hitler diplomats who are re-employed by Chancellor Adenauer in his capacity as the German Foreign Minister. This expose received wide comment in the press both here and abroad and was inserted in the Congressional Record by Congressman Arthur G. Klein on January 9, 1952.

The above-mentioned article did not exhaust the subject. On the contrary, there are many more similar cases, and they are not only confined to the Foreign Office. Therefore, the purpose of this piece is to keep our readers abreast of this situation as far as is possible.

Some weeks ago the German press carried a letter addressed to Chancellor Adenauer written by a German journalist, Michael Heinze-Mansfeld. It was Mr. Heinze-Mansfeld who did much of the spade-work in uncovering the Nazi-diplomats who have returned to the Bonn Foreign Office. In his letter to the Chancellor, Mr. Heinze-Mansfeld (sic) made additional disclosures.

Thus, the present head of the East European desk of the German Foreign Office, according to Heinze-Mansfeld, is Dr. Otto Brautigam. During the war Herr Brautigam served as Deputy Chief of the Political Department in Alfred Rosenberg's Reichs Ministry for the Occupied Eastern Territories. In this capacity he played a notorious role in arranging for the deportation and decimation of the Jews in the Baltic States, the Ukraine and Byelo-Russia. His infamous exploits were set down in his own diary and have also been recorded in the files of the International Military Tribunals at Nuremberg.

The Counsellor of the Bonn Ministry of Justice is Dr. Franz Massfeller. This character once wrote the official commentary to the Hitlerite law "for the protection of German blood and honor." Massfeller also composed the "expert legal opinion" which permitted the non-Jewish partners of mixed marriages to sue for divorce merely because of the Jewish antecedents of their spouses. He also participated in the infamous Wannsee Conference which was concerned, among other things with the question of instituting compulsory sterilization. Incredible as it may seem, this same Massfeller is now in charge of drafting new marriage and family legislation.

Among those employed in the German "Defense" Ministry is Lt. Col. Friedrich Wilhelm Heinz. Mr. Heinze-Mansfeld reminds Dr. Adenauer that Heinz was "a pioneer of bloody and murderous National Socialism and anti-Semitism" during the Weimar Republic. Moreover, Herr Heinz was an accessory to assassinations of political opponents including that of Foreign Minister Walter Rathenau.

So much for the basic facts contained in the Heinze-Mansfeld letter to Chancellor Adenauer. One would think that the Chancellor, when apprised of these facts, would react vigorously against these criminal characters. Yet, as far as we know, they have not been ousted from the Bonn Government. More than that, Adenauer recently announced the appointment of another notorious Nazi, Herr Hans Globke, as head of his Chancellery.

The record of Globke is a matter of public knowledge. As early as 1933 Globke was appointed as legal advisor to the Nazi bigwig Wilhelm Frick in the Ministry of the Interior of the Hitler Government. In collaboration with the Nazi Wilhelm Stuckhardt (as SS Obergruppenfuhrer) he wrote an official -- and therefore approving -- commentary on the Nuremberg race laws. Not only did Globke demand in his commentary the exclusion of "non-Aryans" from every

field of German life, he also construed these statutes in a much harsher way than some well-meaning German courts had interpreted them. In his commentary on the German racial laws Dr. Globke affirmed that these laws "mean a renunciation of the liberalistic idea of the equality of human beings...A nation can flourish only if the leadership is entrusted to the elite...Only those of German blood can be citizens." For the unfortunate and unhappy victims of Nazi-Germany's barbaric racial legislation Dr. Globke has this comforting thought, "they should have chosen their parents more carefully."

Chancellor Adenauer's reorganized cabinet also contains individuals with Nazi background. Theodor Oberländer, who is now in charge of expellees, joined the Nazi party in 1933. Waldemar Kraft, Minister without Portfolio, fought in the reactionary Free Corps, one of the forerunners of the Nazi Party itself. Subsequently he joined the Nazi Party and was a member of the Hitler SS.

We do not wish to give our readers the impression that these are the only current cases of Nazi infiltration in the Bonn Government. But we do think that they will help our readers to evaluate realistically the character of the Bonn Government. Of course, there are many officials who are free from the Nazi taint. They are the ones who are always placed on exhibit when it is necessary to convince the world that the Federal Republic is a shining example of democracy. However, real democracy is more than skin deep. Beneath the surface of the structure of the Bonn Government the pillars of pro-Nazism are intact to a frightening extent.